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## ESTABLISH BERLIN-MOSCOW TELEGRAPH CONTACT; DEVELOP TELEPRINT APPARATUS

MINISTERS EXCHANGE FIRST TELEGRAM -- Berlin, Tribuene, 16 - 19 Feb 51

Direct telegraphic communication between Berlin and Moscow was established on 15 February by the Central Telegraph Office in Oranienburger Strasse, Berlin. The first telegram was sent by the Minister for Postal and Telecommunications, Fritz Burmeister, to N. Psurtsev, Minister of Communications. The message stressed the importance of this new telegraphic link for the maintenance of friendly relations between the two states. The telegrem was transmitted in German. It was promptly acknowledged by Moscow.

The Koenigswusterhausen tranch transmits telegrams to Moscow and to the people's democracies, while the incoming messages are received in Beelitz. Multiple amplifiers are used to relay the messages to the central telegraph office.

Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 21 Feb 51

The initiation of direct telegraphic communication with Moscow in February 1951 marks the sixth connection of this type at the disposal of the Central Telegraph Office in Berlin. Connections between Berlin and Budapest, Bucharest, Helsinki, Peiping, and Sofia have been established.

WILL EXHIBIT TELEPRINT MACHINES AT LEIPZIG FAIR -- Weimar, Das Volk, 8 Feb 51

The VVB for Radio and Telecommunications will exhibit models of the first teleprint apparatus (Blattschreiber, i.e., facsimile machines) of the German Democratic Republic at the Leipzig Spring Fair.

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The apparatus was developed by the RFT (Association of Radi) and Telecommunications Technicians) in close cooperation with engineers of the Soviet Kabel' Corporation.

The new machines are scheduled for production during the current year.

CONCLUDES COMMUNICATIONS PACT WITH POLAND -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 10 Feb 51

At the beginning of 1951 the German Democratic Republic and Poland concluded a number of agreements covering the improvement of the postal and telecommunications system between the two countries.

EAST BERLIN HAS 8,000 NEW TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 30 Dec 50

At present, 16 dial telephone exchanges are in operation in East Berlin, as compared with about 30 before the war. These exchanges service 32,000 telephones. In 1950, the Central Postal Administration in East Berlin added approximately 8,000 new telephone subscribers to its lists.

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